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Notice of Allowability	10/724,460	BOURQUE ET AL.	•	
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	Gregory J. Strimbu	3634		
The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGOT (The Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this applied or other appropriate communication GHTS. This application is subject to	plication. If not include will be mailed in due	ed course. THIS	
1. This communication is responsive to 11/11/04 and the tele.	int. of 1/21/05.			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-5</u> .				
3. \boxtimes The drawings filed on <u>26 November 2003</u> are accepted by t	the Examiner.			
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.				
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Beaupre on January 21, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

claim 1,

line 16, inserted --when the sliding panel is moved into the closed position-following "opening"

line 19, changed "to limit" to -- and limiting--

line 20, inserted --when the sliding panel is in the open position and the engagement portion spaced from the upper portion of the sliding panel when the sliding panel is in the closed position-- following "fixed panel"

claim 4,

line 13, changed "in a first direction" to --to pivot about the upper portion of the runner when the sliding panel is moved into the closed position--

line 18, deleted "in a second direction opposite the"

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line 19, changed "first direction" to --and the engagement portion spaced from the upper portion of the sliding panel when the sliding panel is in the closed position--

claim 5.

line 1, changed "urge" to --bias--

line 2, deleted "in the first direction"

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record, absent applicant's own disclosure, fails to teach the entire combination of elements set forth in the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to teach the guide rail including an engagement portion overhanging the upper portion of the sliding panel, and the engagement portion engaging the upper portion of the sliding panel and limiting relative pivoting movement of the lower portion of the sliding panel away from the fixed panel when the sliding panel is in the open position and the engagement portion spaced from the upper portion of the sliding panel when the sliding panel is in the closed position. See lines 17-20 of claim 1. Additionally, the prior art of record fails to teach the guide rail includes an engagement portion adjacent to the channel, the engagement portion overhanging the upper portion of the sliding panel, and the engagement portion engaging the upper portion of the sliding panel at least when the sliding panel is in the open position to thereby limit relative pivoting movement of the lower portion of the sliding panel and the engagement portion spaced from the

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upper portion of the sliding panel when the sliding panel is in the closed position. See claim 4, lines 14-19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703-308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Gregory . Strimby

Primary Examiner

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January 21, 2005

Interview Summary

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Ail participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTC) personnel):	
(1) Gregory J. Strimbu.	(3)	
(2) <u>John Beaupre</u> .	(4)	
Date of Interview: 21 January 2005.		
Type: a)⊠ Telephonic b)☐ Video Conference c)☐ Personal [copy given to: 1)☐ applicant	2) applicant's represent	tative]
Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description:	e)⊠ No.	
Claim(s) discussed: <u>1,4 and 5</u> .		
Identification of prior art discussed: None.		
Agreement with respect to the claims f)⊠ was reached.	g) was not reached. h)	n N/A.
Substance of Interview including description of the general reached, or any other comments: Suggested changes to invention and to overcome 35 USC 112 informalities. See (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amerallowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached. THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OFFICE ORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse	more accurately and patente the examiner's amendments which the examiner copy of the amendments the d.) ACTION MUST INCLUDE the last Office action has alrust THE MAILING DATE OF THE SUBSTANCE O	er agreed would render the claims that would render the claims THE SUBSTANCE OF THE teady been filed, APPLICANT IS THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.	Examiner's	signature, if required

Summary of Record of Interview Requirements

Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), Section 713.04, Substance of Interview Must be Made of Record

A complete written statement as to the substance of any face-to-face, video conference, or telephone interview with regard to an application must be made of record in the application whether or not an agreement with the examiner was reached at the interview.

Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 1.133 Interviews Paragraph (b)

In every instance where reconsideration is requested in view of an interview with an examiner, a complete written statement of the reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action must be filed by the applicant. An interview does not remove the necessity for reply to Office action as specified in §§ 1.111, 1.135. (35 U.S.C. 132)

37 CFR §1.2 Business to be transacted in writing.

All business with the Patent or Trademark Office should be transacted in writing. The personal attendance of applicants or their attorneys or agents at the Patent and Trademark Office is unnecessary. The action of the Patent and Trademark Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. No attention will be paid to any alleged oral promise, stipulation, or understanding in relation to which there is disagreement or doubt.

The action of the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be based exclusively on the written record in the Office if that record is itself incomplete through the failure to record the substance of interviews.

It is the responsibility of the applicant or the attorney or agent to make the substance of an interview of record in the application file, unless the examiner indicates he or she will do so. It is the examiner's responsibility to see that such a record is made and to correct material inaccuracies which bear directly on the question of patentability.

Examiners must complete an Interview Summary Form for each interview held where a matter of substance has been discussed during the interview by checking the appropriate boxes and filling in the blanks. Discussions regarding only procedural matters, directed solely to restriction requirements for which interview recordation is otherwise provided for in Section 812.01 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, or pointing out typographical errors or unreadable script in Office actions or the like, are excluded from the interview recordation procedures below. Where the substance of an interview is completely recorded in an Examiners Amendment, no separate Interview Summary Record is required.

The Interview Summary Form shall be given an appropriate Paper No., placed in the right hand portion of the file, and listed on the "Contents" section of the file wrapper. In a personal interview, a duplicate of the Form is given to the applicant (or attorney or agent) at the conclusion of the interview. In the case of a telephone or video-conference interview, the copy is mailed to the applicant's correspondence address either with or prior to the next official communication. If additional correspondence from the examiner is not likely before an allowance or if other circumstances dictate, the Form should be mailed promptly after the interview rather than with the next official communication.

The Form provides for recordation of the following information:

- Application Number (Series Code and Serial Number)
- Name of applicant
- Name of examiner
- Date of interview
- Type of interview (telephonic, video-conference, or personal)
- Name of participant(s) (applicant, attorney or agent, examiner, other PTO personnel, etc.)
- An indication whether or not an exhibit was shown or a demonstration conducted
- An identification of the specific prior art discussed
- An indication whether an agreement was reached and if so, a description of the general nature of the agreement (may be by attachment of a copy of amendments or claims agreed as being allowable). Note: Agreement as to allowability is tentative and does not restrict further action by the examiner to the contrary.
- The signature of the examiner who conducted the interview (if Form is not an attachment to a signed Office action)

It is desirable that the examiner orally remind the applicant of his or her obligation to record the substance of the interview of each case. It should be noted, however, that the Interview Summary Form will not normally be considered a complete and proper recordation of the interview unless it includes, or is supplemented by the applicant or the examiner to include, all of the applicable items required below concerning the substance of the interview.

A complete and proper recordation of the substance of any interview should include at least the following applicable items:

- 1) A brief description of the nature of any exhibit shown or any demonstration conducted,
- 2) an identification of the claims discussed,
- 3) an identification of the specific prior art discussed,
- 4) an identification of the principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed, unless these are already described on the Interview Summary Form completed by the Examiner,
- 5) a brief identification of the general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the examiner,
 - (The identification of arguments need not be lengthy or elaborate. A verbatim or highly detailed description of the arguments is not required. The identification of the arguments is sufficient if the general nature or thrust of the principal arguments made to the examiner can be understood in the context of the application file. Of course, the applicant may desire to emphasize and fully describe those arguments which he or she feels were or might be persuasive to the examiner.)
- 6) a general indication of any other pertinent matters discussed, and
- if appropriate, the general results or outcome of the interview unless already described in the Interview Summary Form completed by the examiner.

Examiners are expected to carefully review the applicant's record of the substance of an interview. If the record is not complete and accurate, the examiner will give the applicant an extendable one month time period to correct the record.

Examiner to Check for Accuracy

If the claims are allowable for other reasons of record, the examiner should send a letter setting forth the examiner's version of the statement attributed to him or her. If the record is complete and accurate, the examiner should place the indication, "Interview Record OK" on the paper recording the substance of the interview along with the date and the examiner's initials.

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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TITLE OF INVENTION: SLIDING CLOSURE PANEL ASSEMBLY FEATURING SINGLE SUPPORT RAIL

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